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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/797,581	Applicant(s) BECK ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on December 2, 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-54 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 29-47 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 and 48-54 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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This is the second Office Action for serial number 10/797,581, Computer Workstation With Moveable Monitor Support, filed on March 10, 2004.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-19, 27-28, and 50- 54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,450,800 to Leonard. Leonard discloses a worksurface (16) moveable a first distance between first and second worksurface positions; a monitor support (18) coupled to a worksurface (16); a base (12) supporting a worksurface (16); support rollers (76, and 80) interfacing between a worksurface (16) and a base (12); a track (86) formed on one of a worksurface (16), and a base (12) and at least one guide roller (74), wherein one guide roller (74) engages a track (86); wherein a base (12) comprises a first gear (62), a monitor support (18) comprises a second gear (62), a worksurface (16) comprises a pinion gear (62) rotatably mounted thereto, wherein a pinion gear engages with first and second gears; first and second gears comprise first and second racks (60), wherein the first and second racks (60) face each other; a motor (68) operably connected to a pinion gear (62); a monitor support (18) comprises a base (56) and a platform (52) pivotally mounted to base (12); a

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second distance is between 1.5 and 3.0 times a first distance (fig. 1); wherein a second distance is about 2.0 times a first distance (fig. 1); the worksurface (16) is connected to a first drive device (68), the monitor support (18) is connected to a second drive device (95), wherein the monitor support (18) and a worksurface (16) are coupled with a controller (110, and 112); first and second drive devices comprise first and second motors respectively (68, and 95); a support surface (92) of a worksurface (16) forms an angle with a horizontal plane; wherein an angle is between about 5 degrees and about 45 degrees; a support surface (92) comprising a base (40) having an upper surface (42) formed at substantially an angle with a horizontal plane; wherein a worksurface is moveable in at least a horizontal direction; and wherein a worksurface is further moveable in a vertical direction.

Claims 1, and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,408,940 to Winchell. Winchell discloses a worksurface (20, and 26) moveable a first distance between first and second worksurface positions; a monitor support (54) coupled to a worksurface (20, and 26), wherein a monitor support (54) is moveable a second distance between first and second monitor positions, wherein the second distance is greater than the first distance (fig. 2); the monitor support (54) is supported by a worksurface (26); support rollers (51-52) interfacing between a monitor support (54) and a worksurface (20); and wherein the monitor support (54) is slidably supported by a worksurface (26).

Claims 1, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,398,622 to Lubinkas et al. (Lubinkas). Lubinkas discloses a worksurface (1) moveable a first distance between first and second worksurface positions; a monitor support (2) coupled to a worksurface (1); a base (34) supporting a worksurface (1); and a keyboard tray (3) pivotally mounted to a worksurface (1).

Claims 48, and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,365,561 to Tellier et al (Tellier). Tellier discloses a base structure (5), a monitor support (8) rotatably and translatably coupled to a base structure (5), and a worksurface (11) connected to a monitor support (8); further comprising a monitor (2) supported on a monitor support (8), a monitor (2) having a top, front reference point and a worksurface having a front edge, wherein a reference point moves a first horizontal distance as a monitor support (8) is translated between the first and second positions (fig. 2), wherein the front edge moves a second horizontal distance as a monitor support (8) is translated between the first and second positions, wherein the first horizontal distance is greater than the second horizontal distance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the

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invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,365,561 to Tellier in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,706,920 to Ojima et al (Ojima). Tellier fails to disclose wherein a monitor support defines a support plane, and further comprising at least one track oriented non-parallel to a support plane, and a guide moveably mounted on a track wherein a monitor support is pivotally connected to a guide.

Attention is directed to Ojima reference, which teaches a monitor support on a flat surface, wherein a monitor support defines a support plane, and further comprising at least one track oriented non-parallel to a support plane, and a guide moveably mounted on a track wherein a monitor support is pivotally connected to a guide. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have a monitor support of Tellier with a monitor support assembly taught by Ojima wherein doing so would provide thereof convenience to adjust the monitor length to read better.

Claims 23-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,450,800 to Leonard in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,044,284 to Gross. Leonard discloses a worksurface is connected to a front of a monitor support. However, Leonard fails to disclose wherein a monitor support is supported by a four bar linkage, wherein a four bar linkage is configured as a parallelogram, and a monitor support is pivotally supported by a pair of non-parallel links.

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Attention is directed to Gross reference, which teaches a monitor support by a four bar linkage that is configured as a parallelogram, and a monitor support is pivotally supported by a pair of non-parallel links. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have a monitor support of Leonard with a monitor support supported by a four bar linkage assembly taught by Gross wherein doing so would provide thereof convenience to move the monitor without resistance.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-54 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

The reference numbers have been changed to 16 from 32, and 34.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Todd M. Epps whose telephone number is 571-272-8282. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olszewski can be reached on 571-272-6788. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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